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59/255. Implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling the report of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on the Causes of Conflict and the Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa,[1] and its resolutions 53/92 of 7 December 1998, 54/234 of 22 December 1999, 55/217 of 21 December 2000, 56/37 of 4 December 2001, 57/296 of 20 December 2002, 57/337 of 3 July 2003 and 58/235 of 23 December 2003, as well as resolution 59/213 of 20 December 2004 on cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union,

Recalling also, in this context, Security Council resolutions 1325 (2000) of 31 October 2000 on women and peace and security, and 1366 (2001) of 30 August 2001 on the role of the Council in the prevention of armed conflicts,

Recalling further the creation by the Economic and Social Council, by its resolution 2002/1 of 15 July 2002, of ad hoc advisory groups on African countries emerging from conflict,

Reaffirming that the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa[2] must remain a priority on the agenda of the United Nations system and for Member States,

Noting with concern the slow progress in the implementation of many of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General, as well as the emergence of trends that could potentially affect the peace and stability of Africa,

Stressing that the responsibility for peace and security in Africa, including the capacity to address the root causes of conflict and to resolve conflicts in a peaceful

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 45* (A/56/45).

[2] A/52/871-S/1998/318.

manner, lies primarily with African countries, while recognizing the need for support from the international community,

Reaffirming the need to strengthen the synergies between Africa's economic and social development programmes and its peace and security agenda,

1. *Takes note* of the progress report of the Secretary-General[1] on the implementation of the recommendations contained in his report on the causes of conflict and promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa,[2] including an overview of trends and challenges as well as further advances in a wide range of areas made since the last progress report;

2. *Welcomes* the progress that has been made in the prevention and settlement of disputes and the sustained efforts by African regional and subregional initiatives to mediate and resolve conflicts, and the support given by the international community and the United Nations to those efforts;

3. *Notes with appreciation* the efforts to enhance coordination to ensure that African regional and subregional initiatives continue to be taken in close consultation and coordination with the United Nations in order to ensure that the United Nations can play a clear role, as appropriate, in the subsequent implementation of mediated settlements;

4. *Welcomes* the successful establishment of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union, and looks forward to the establishment of other supporting elements such as a Panel of the Wise, a continental early warning system, an African standby force and a special fund;

5. *Encourages*, in this context, the international community to continue to support the ongoing efforts of African countries to develop their capacity to undertake peace support operations at regional and subregional levels, including their effort to establish a continental early warning system;

6. *Welcomes* the establishment and coming into force of the African Peace Facility of the European Union to support the implementation of peace initiatives undertaken by the African Union and African subregional organizations;

7. *Also welcomes* the recommendation of the Secretary-General to Member States to strengthen cooperation between the United Nations system, the African Union and other African organizations in the maintenance of international peace and security;

8. *Further welcomes* the decision of the Secretary-General to instruct relevant agencies, departments and offices of the United Nations to look into new ways of collaborating with the African Union in order to boost its efforts in undertaking peace operations;

9. *Recognizes* the contribution made by the ad hoc advisory groups on African countries emerging from conflict of the Economic and Social Council, as well as by the Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa of the Security Council, in promoting peace and sustainable development, and emphasizes the need for continued collaboration between the Economic and Social Council and the Security Council in generating a coherent approach to the

[1] A/59/285.

challenges of conflict prevention, conflict resolution and post-conflict reconstruction in Africa;

10. *Notes* the support offered by the United Nations system in the context of conflict prevention and peace consolidation, and in this regard calls upon Member States, in particular donor countries, as well as other development partners and relevant regional and subregional organizations as appropriate, to continue to provide financial and technical assistance, in a coordinated and sustained manner, to support activities in Africa, inter alia, to eradicate poverty, promote respect for human rights and strengthen the rule of law and transparent and accountable public administration;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to explore and recommend suitable arrangements and mechanisms through which Member States could more effectively support Africa's efforts to address the multiple causes of conflict in Africa, including their regional dimensions, and to strengthen, in a coordinated and sustained manner, preventive action as well as post-conflict peacebuilding;

12. *Decides* to continue to monitor the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session a progress report on the implementation of the present resolution.

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